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## Journalist killed in London

April 11 (R) — A Libyan journalist died after being gunned outside London's biggest mosque. Two men were arrested. The victim was named as Mustafa Ramadan, 35, who has lived in London for years and contributed to the London-based daily Arabic Arab. He had an Egyptian-born wife, Nadia, and a daughter. Police were quickly on the scene after worshippers left the mosque on the edge of the city. Ramadan fell to the ground. Scotland Yard said on routine patrol caught two men who ran away with a possession of a firearm. Mr. Ramadan died in hospital. A spokesman for the British Broadcasting external service said Mr. Ramadan was born in a Libyan national. He worked part-time as a presenter for the BBC's Arabic service, he said.

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April 11 (R) — Iraq has expelled 22 South Yemeni  
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gave no reason for the expulsions but said the  
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April 11 (R) — A prominent Turkish writer was  
ed by gunmen in front of his home today, Turkish  
i. Umit Kaftancioglu, 45, was shot by gunmen from  
as he was leaving his home in Istanbul for work, it  
critically wounded and died in hospital. Police said  
scaped after the shooting. Mr. Kaftancioglu, a well-  
ist and short-story writer, was also working as a  
lural and educational programmes at Radio Istan-

April 11 (R) — A senior official of the National Iranian  
(NIOC) today denied reports of a major explosion at  
nd terminal where supertankers load Iranian crude.  
nternational marketing director, Mr. Reza Azimi,  
hone interview: "I have checked this report with  
nd definitely it is not correct." Mr. Azimi said three  
were loading at the moment and there was no trou-  
nd's installations.

April 11 (R) — Arab League Secretary General  
day left the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for Oman  
th UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al  
official Emirates News Agency said. The agency  
s talks with Sheikh Zayed covered current Arab  
s and plans for developing the 22-member Arab  
Klibi gave the UAE foreign ministry a copy of a  
charter for the league. The secretary general told  
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charter, replacing the one signed when the league  
in 1945, would give the league secretariat greater  
at up an Arab court of justice, similar to the world  
Hague. Mr. Klibi has already visited Iraq, Saudi  
Uwait and his tour will also take him to Qatar and

April 11 (R) — United Arab Emirates (UAE) Oil Minister  
Oteiba will visit West Germany next week, the West  
omic ministry said today. Dr. Oteiba will have talks  
or Helmut Schmidt and his host, Economics Minis-  
tersdorf, during his four-day visit starting on Mon-  
days and recent political events in the Middle  
among topics discussed, a ministry statement said.  
said bilateral economic relations were trouble-free.  
y wants to keep them that way, particularly in view  
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ear. The UAE was West Germany's seventh biggest  
st year with 7.6 million tonnes and sixth biggest in  
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## Syria arrests suspects in Aleppo, Hama

DAMASCUS, April 11 (R) —  
Syrian security forces have  
arrested a number of suspects and  
seized arms in two provincial cities  
shaken by anti-government vio-  
lence, informed sources said  
today.

The sources said security men  
had detained a number of people  
accused of killings and sabotage in  
the northern and central cities of  
Aleppo and Hama.

The sources said security forces  
seized weapons, currency and  
documents proving a link between  
those arrested and foreign powers.  
They said that a statement about  
the arrests would be issued after  
investigations.

The government newspaper  
Tishrin said today that Syria was  
determined to continue its tough  
policy against what it described as  
reactionaries.

The paper said in an editorial  
that these reactionaries had  
attempted to stir up sectarian war-  
fare by assassinations and attacks  
on public buildings.

The government announced  
yesterday it was disbanding three  
professional associations, for  
lawyers, engineers and doctors.



Two Irish soldiers of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) supervise the Israeli movements in southern Lebanon Friday through their binoculars. A rocket launcher is seen between them. In the background is the village of Beit Tahoun, about 6 kilometres from the Lebanon-Israel border. See story on page 6. (AP wirephoto)

## Bani-Sadr threatens war on Iraq, battles on Israel, no oil to allies

TEHRAN, April 11 (Agencies) —  
Iranian President Abol Hassan  
Bani-Sadr today threatened war  
on Iraq and battles against Israel  
and warned America's oil-thirsty  
allies they won't get "so much as  
snake's poison" from Iran if they  
back U.S. President Carter's sanc-  
tions to free the 50 American hos-  
tages seized 160 days ago.

Accusing Iraq of "dancing to  
any music that America played,"  
Mr. Bani-Sadr warned "we will go  
war" if there is a worsening in the  
scattershot border hostilities.

He spoke at a massive anti-Iraq  
and anti-U.S. rally in Tehran.  
The United States today  
announced travel restrictions on  
Iranian diplomats accredited to the  
United Nations.

The 12 diplomats, plus mem-  
bers of their families and personal  
staffs, will be barred from travel-  
ling more than 40 kilometres from  
the centre of New York City, the  
U.S. mission spokesman, Mr. Jill  
Schuker, told reporters.

Although President Carter last  
Monday severed diplomatic rela-  
tions with Iran for its continued  
detention of American hostages  
and ordered the expulsion of Irani-  
an diplomats and consular per-  
sonnel, this did not affect the staff  
of Iran's U.N. mission.

In an interview made public  
today, President Bani-Sadr also  
sought to end his personal role in  
the hostage crisis.

"I do not want and cannot  
involve myself further in the hos-  
tages affair," having already done  
"everything in my power," he was  
quoted as saying in the interview  
with the Italian weekly magazine  
l'Espresso.

In Moscow, Iran's ambassador,  
Mr. Mohammad Mokri asked the  
Soviet Union to cease supplying  
arms to Iraq.

In his speech, which was broad-  
cast by Tehran Radio, Mr. Bani-  
Sadr said: "If Iraqi forces stepped  
onto Iranian soil, the Iranian gov-  
ernment would not be able to stop  
the Iranian armed forces from  
pouring into Iraq."

His address was the sharpest  
volley yet in the blistering war of  
words between Iran and Iraq.

However, in his address Mr.  
Bani-Sadr urged Iraq to cease hos-  
tilities toward Iran so the two Mus-  
lim neighbours could devote  
themselves to fighting Israel.

Anti-American demonstrations  
were reported in every major Irani-  
an city and the official Pars  
News Agency said marches were  
held in small towns and villages.

Mr. Bani-Sadr's warning to Iraq  
was delivered as further reports  
came in of minor clashes around  
the tense border area in Ker-  
manshah province, western Iran.  
Pars reported that raiders  
launched a rocket attack on the  
Iranian border village of Sarpol-  
e-Zahab early today, destroying  
two buses.

Pars said Revolutionary Guards  
and regular troops returned the  
fire, but it did not mention casual-  
ties.

Farther south in the major oil  
city of Abadan, Revolutionary  
Guards said a bomb exploded at a  
water purification plant, injuring

the person carrying it. They said  
they defused another device at the  
plant.

Mr. Bani-Sadr also declared  
that Iran was prepared to stop  
making direct deals with Japan,  
which relies on Iran for 10 per cent  
of its oil needs, and Europe, which  
gets 5 per cent of its petroleum  
from Iran, because they are under  
"U.S. domination."

"Not only shall we not give  
orders to governments which wish  
to attach themselves to American,  
but we shall not give them so much  
as snake's poison," said Mr.  
Bani-Sadr, using a Persian lan-  
guage expression that means "less  
than nothing."

Ambassadors from the nine  
European Common Market coun-  
tries met with Foreign Minister  
Sadeq Qotbzadeh in Tehran today  
to discuss the U.S. hostage situ-

ation. A spokesman for the West  
German ambassador said the nine  
did not deliver a message from the  
organisation's council of foreign  
ministers that was issued yes-  
terday in Lisbon. They would  
meet, he said with Mr. Bani-Sadr  
on Saturday, when the message  
was expected to be formally  
relayed.

The Common Market nations  
announced earlier that their  
ambassadors would demand from  
Mr. Bani-Sadr a date set for the  
release of the hostages. They said  
the ambassadors would return  
home with the Iranian response,  
and the governments would  
review their policies toward Iran  
at that time. Japan also called its  
ambassador home from Tehran  
for consultations, foreign ministry  
sources in Tokyo said.

## Israel constructs military bases in occupied W. Bank

TEL AVIV, April 11 (R) — Israel is constructing new military  
installations in the occupied West Bank to replace some of those  
handed over to Egypt in the evacuation of Sinai, according to military  
sources.

The sources told Israeli journalists during a tour of the West Bank  
earlier this week that the withdrawal from Sinai and the current  
Israeli-Egyptian-American negotiations on Palestinian autonomy  
served as a catalyst for the construction programme.

The reports, which appeared today in the Israeli press, said about  
three billion Israeli pounds (about \$75 million) will be spent in the  
initial phase, which includes building camps, roads and a com-  
munications network.

A communications station and an approach road are now under  
construction on Mount Ebal, just outside Nablus, the West Bank's  
largest town, the sources told reporters.

To replace other facilities in the Sinai, which under the Camp  
David agreement is being turned back to Egypt, Israel is building new  
bases, including airfields in the southern Naqab Desert.

The future status of the West Bank is in sharp dispute between  
Israel and Egypt. Israel insists on retaining freedom of movement for  
its troops even after self-rule goes into effect, while the Egyptians  
wholly reject the idea.

The Palestinians are opposed to the autonomy plan and are not  
participating in the talks, saying that Israel, Egypt and the U.S. are  
not competent to determine their future.



Chess Grandmaster Victor Korchnoi (right) receives instruction in the art of Shogi — Japanese chess — from two of Japan's leading players, Aono Teruchi (left) and Awaji Hitozige, in London on Friday. Shogi is played by an estimated 19 million

players in Japan, and professional players use a traditional board, such as the one shown here, valued at around \$50,000. The girl at centre is acting as timekeeper. (AP wirephoto)

## Right-wing militiamen harass UNIFIL Israel announces partial withdrawal from Lebanon

TEL AVIV, April 11 (Agencies) — Israel tonight announced a partial  
withdrawal of its troops from South Lebanon where they have been  
entrenched since last Wednesday.

An official military announcement said: "The  
Israel defence forces have begun to withdraw from  
South Lebanon those of its forces which have  
completed their mission."

The brief announcement, which gave no indi-  
cation of the number of withdrawing troops, came  
after Lebanese right-wing militiamen harassed  
U.N. peacekeeping troops from Israeli-occupied  
southern Lebanon, firing machine guns at the  
deputy U.N. commander's car and looting U.N.  
observation posts.

Norwegian Brig. Ole Nilsen, deputy com-  
mander of the nine-nation U.N. force was on an  
inspection tour of areas occupied by Israel when  
the gunmen fired on his steel-plated personnel  
carrier. He was not injured.

"They opened fire with two machine guns --  
one from a tank and one from a half-track," said  
U.N. spokesman Timur Goskel, who was in a  
vehicle behind Brig. Nilsen.

Israel supplies weapons and other aid to Leban-  
ese right-wing militiamen who have defied U.N.  
efforts to patrol their six-mile-deep enclave on the  
Israel-Lebanon border.

The U.N. convoy was on its way to inspect  
Israeli positions near the village of Al Tiri, about  
eight kilometres north of Israel.

U.N. spokesman said the Israeli positions, near  
Al Tiri and two other villages, are within the  
U.N.-controlled zone.

Beirut U.N. spokesman Samir Sanbar said  
Dutch, Irish and Senegalese troops returned the  
militia fire. The militiamen also hit a Senegalese  
armoured personnel carrier in the battle, he said.

"It is very tense down there, and there are many  
incidents like this going on," Mr. Sanbar said in a  
phone interview with the Associated Press in  
Beirut.

U.N. officials told an AP reporter in the area  
that a U.N. observation post near Markaba, an  
area occupied by the Israelis, had been looted by  
rightwing militiamen overnight.

## 'Steadfastness' leaders to start summit in Tripoli on Sunday

BEIRUT, April 11 (R) — Arab  
leaders opposed to Egypt's peace  
moves towards Israel will meet  
in Tripoli tomorrow to discuss mea-  
sures to bolster their stand.

The Libyan News Agency (JANA), reporting this today, quoted  
Libyan Foreign Secretary Ali  
Tureiki as saying the foreign  
ministers of the Arab "Stead-  
fastness and Confrontation  
Front" were engaged in drawing  
up the summit agenda.

The foreign ministers' meeting,  
which began in the Libyan capital  
yesterday, is attended by Libya,  
Syria, Algeria, South Yemen and  
the Palestine Liberation Organi-  
sation (PLO).

Dr. Tureiki said the meeting  
reviewed the Arab-Israeli conflict  
and steps that should be taken to  
"confront the Zionist danger  
against the Arab Nation."

There was also an overall  
assessment of the current Arab  
situation, he added.

Dr. Tureiki said the participants  
shared identical views on all  
pan-Arab and international  
causes, and this was found to lead  
to "a real, joint action."

JANA said the summit would

discuss "developments of the  
Arab-Israeli conflict, the current  
Arab situation and ways of con-  
solidating the Arab stand."

"This is in addition to the inter-  
national situation and ways of  
tightening the Arab boycott of the  
(Egyptian President Anwar)  
Sadat regime and consolidating  
the Steadfastness and Con-  
frontation Front," it added.

The summit originally was due  
to be held in Damascus on March  
28, but was put off apparently  
because of disagreement over the

venue.

The Libyans were in favour of  
holding the conference in Tripoli.

However, differences between  
Libyan leader Col. Muammar  
Qadhafi and PLO Chairman  
Yasser Arafat made this difficult.

Syria and Algeria seem to have  
succeeded in shelving, at least for  
the moment, these differences as  
Mr. Arafat is now expected to  
head the Palestinian team to the  
summit after having set some con-  
ditions for his participation.

They said Col. Qadhafi had not  
appeared in public since the  
alleged attack, and that there had  
been a marked increase in street  
marches and demonstrations  
demanding "the liquidation of the  
enemies of the revolution."

The sources said Col. Qadhafi  
was injured in the shoulder during  
the attack as he emerged from a  
meeting with military officers in  
Benghazi. They had no further  
details.

The informants said the Libyan  
leader had since been confined to  
a hospital at Bab Al Azizia mili-  
tary camp near Tripoli, where doc-  
tors were trying to get him back on  
his feet in time for a meeting of  
Arab leaders in the Libyan capital  
on Sunday.



Muammar Qadhafi

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## William Nassar tells of life in an Israeli prison

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Mr. William Najeb Nassar is one of two Palestinians released from Israeli imprisonment two months ago in exchange for the release of Amina Mufti, an Israeli spy arrested in Beirut in 1975. The exchange took place at Larnaca airport in Cyprus under the supervision of the International Red Cross. The two commandos were later flown to Beirut. Mr. Nassar, who spent 12 years in detention, spoke with the Jordan Times this week about life in Israeli prisons for captured Palestinian commandos.

### Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 11 -- The story of William Najeb Nassar is not the story of the deprived youth from a refugee camp, but that of a Palestinian with a comfortable middle class upbringing whose mother is a Christian converted from Judaism, and who had the privilege of studying engineering in Beirut and Germany with the prospect of a bright and rewarding future.

In spite of these "moderating" influences, Mr. Nassar was one of the first to join the ranks of the Palestinian revolution and infiltrate into Palestine, organising and actively participating in the resistance movement from within the occupied territories.

In his interview with the Jordan Times, Mr. Nassar avoided getting into the details of the tortures to which he and his fellow prisoners were subjected, and the horrors of prison life, brushing them aside as normal Israeli practices reminiscent of Nazi prison camps. He concentrated instead on the day-to-day life of the Palestinian prisoner, his thoughts, his activities and his aspirations.

**Jordan Times:** It is known that your name was almost always mentioned on the list of prisoners whose release was demanded and the 1972 Sabena hijacking (an operation carried out to press demands for the release of Palestinian prisoners) bore your name. How do you feel about these attempts and how did they affect you while in prison?

Mr. Nassar: No doubt commando operations helped a lot in maintaining the prisoners' morale. Even when such operations failed to achieve their goal, we didn't feel let down. We used to take account of the success of such operations (no matter how little they did succeed) and their effect on the Israelis. The most important thing was that we (prisoners) were not forgotten by our fellow Palestinians.

However, we were aware that such operations have more political significance than just gaining the release of Palestinian prisoners. We knew that the Israelis would never release prisoners in this way. They are more willing to kill both Palestinian commandos and Israeli hostages than to release prisoners.

**Q:** How does the reality of the Arab World compare with your analysis and expectations in prison?

A: The situation is basically what we anticipated, although there are certain positive aspects that we were unaware of, and a lot of negative ones, such as the situation in Lebanon. We are shocked by that situation. We thought things had settled down there; yet this in fact is not true.

We imagined that there were only two factions fighting in Lebanon, the rightist separatist movement and the nationalist movement, with the Lebanese authorities in the middle working to achieve a compromise. However we found that the right wing is divided among various fighting factions, and the members of the nationalist movement lacked cohesion and tended to outbid each other. This of course reflects negatively on both the Lebanese and the Palestinians, because instability diverts attention from our main goal—the liberation of Palestine.

Deprived of contact with the outside world, our analysis in prison tended to be academic. But on leaving prison and facing the realities of the situation, one finds

one has to take into consideration an array of new facts in order to reach a realistic assessment. Nevertheless our assessments in most cases were realistic. For instance, we foresaw the muddle into which (Egyptian President Anwar) Sadat would lead himself and Egypt.

Confinement in prison enhances deep contemplation and clear thinking on the part of the prisoner.

**Q:** During your activities prior to your imprisonment, the Palestinian movement was basically underground and concentrated on military action. Now the Palestine Liberation Organisation is active in a diplomatic offensive that has gained it international recognition. What do you say about this development?

A: The underground movement was essential at the beginning; but that initial stage had to develop into a second stage -- that of an open revolution -- as it had to establish links with the Palestinian masses spread all over the Arab World.

The second stage had to escalate into a third stage -- that of diplomatic activity, on an Arab scale at the beginning and on an international scale later on, to seek and establish the legitimate rights of the Palestinians.

The diplomatic activity would not have been possible had there been no people ready to sacrifice their lives for the cause of liberating their homeland. On the other hand, purely military action would have been fruitless without the public relations and diplomatic campaigns to translate those sacrifices into concrete gains at the international level.

The PLO has succeeded in win-



Mr. William Nassar

ning friends in the socialist camp, in Third World countries and recently in parts of Western Europe. These new friends are in a position to exert pressure on world public opinion and world policies, to move towards the recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinians.

**Q:** The Israeli prisons are full of commandos belonging to different factions of the Palestinian resistance movement. How did ideological differences affect relations among the prisoners?

A: A healthy democratic environment prevailed within the prison. We had regular panel discussions on events in the Arab World and within the resistance movement. Different opinions were voiced and we always adopted a unified stand.

Our cooperation was complete. We formed a unified committee responsible for negotiations with prison authorities, and we laid down our own internal rules regulating all our activities within the prison. These rules spelled out in detail the relationships among the various factions and how they could cooperate in taking a common stand.

The rules also stressed revolutionary ethics and behaviour. Each faction was responsible for enforcing these agreed-upon rules among its members. Although the rules were basically the same everywhere, there were slight variations

from prison to prison depending on local conditions.

**Q:** What other activities took place?

A: We formed various committees responsible for different activities. We had a committee supervising sports, another responsible for the library and a third committee organising cultural activities and information.

The information committee had a dual role: to receive and distribute information, and to get information about prison conditions to the outside world. Until 1972 we were allowed to read only the Israeli Arab-language newspaper *Al Anba* and listen to only the news programme of the Israeli broadcasting station. It was a period of cultural siege. Later we were permitted to read Israeli

newspapers, and this helped us a lot; for these papers were full of news, analysis and comments and thus we were able to abstract better analyses and assess outside news. In 1978 we were allowed to buy transistor radios, and this also helped in enriching our analysis.

Another factor which played an important role in enabling us to understand current situations and the development of Palestinian and Israeli thinking and strategy were some books brought to us by the Israeli "education officer". These were Harkabi's books. Harkabi is an ex-director of Israeli intelligence whom the Israelis consider to be an expert on Palestinian thinking and the Arab-Israeli conflict. In 1974 we were provided with Marxist and Leninist books, plus many religious books; but on the other hand, nationalist books were prohibited.

Finally, I would like to say that although we were about almost everything in the world, yet news about conditions in prisons was or unequally covered media, and people's ability for this.

For instance, not about the three-month strike that took place in 1978. For three months, relatives, take baths, or even refrained from going to work for the only two days allowed to do so. This strike lasted for three months without being mentioned in the news media.

It will be my duty now for the release of Palestinian prisoners, of which are 4,000 still held in Israel.

## P.M. explains policies

AMMAN, April 11 (JNA) -- The Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharif, said today that a new law on local government, which will be announced soon, will give Jordanian citizens more share in decisions on basic matters to do with their daily life.

Speaking in a television interview with editors of local newspapers transmitted this evening, the prime minister also said parliamentary life and elections are not feasible for the time being, due to the situation caused by the Israeli occupation of the West Bank. This issue will be decided when the future of Palestine is settled.

On the formation of political parties in Jordan, the prime minister said that Jordan had had a bitter experience with political parties in the 1950s, and the government believes public participation in ruling the country can be achieved through other formulae that suit the country's developing society.

Turning to the government's

economic policy, Sharif Abdul Hamid said the main aim now is to transform the Jordanian society from one of consumption to a society of production. This, he said, can be done through long-term economic plans, such as the five-year development scheme that aims at developing the country socially and economically. Such projects as phosphates, potash, chemical fertilisers and agricultural projects in the Jordan Valley will be bringing in the country's main revenues, he added.

On educational policy, the prime minister said vocational education will be greatly encouraged, and diversified so that Jordan can acquire the skilled manpower needed for the country's development projects. He said there is at present an imbalance in the availability of labour in Jordan, because rich neighbouring states tend to attract Jordanian labourers—especially skilled ones.

Asked about the government's measures to support the steadfastness of the people in the occupied Arab territories, the

prime minister said that the problem is Jordan's own, and the government is continually helping to strengthen the steadfastness of the Palestinian Liberation Organisation and support to the PLO will continue until the territories are completely liberated, he said.

Through its cooperation with other Arab States, Jordan is helping to safeguard Arab particularly now that dropped out of the Arab League, Sharif Abdul Hamid added that Jordan will play an effective role in the summit in Amman, with regard to its economic relations.

In the interview, the editors of *Al Rai*, *Al Akhbar* news prime minister also questions put to him, enquired the ways of rationalising the economy.

## Run for ACOR ends in cooperation between army

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, April 11 -- The first marathon run of the north-south length of Jordan started out as a publicity stunt, but ended up as a cooperative effort between the U.S. and Jordanian armies.

This was the story told to the Jordan Times by Mr. John Abizaid, the man who made the entire marathon run, when Dr. James Sauer, director of the American Centre for Oriental Research (ACOR), hosted a party this week at his house for participants in the marathon.

Mr. Abizaid, a captain in the U.S. army, is attending the University of Jordan on an Olmstead Scholarship to study Arabic language and history. He is an American of Lebanese origin. For some time, he explained, he and Mr. Sam Starret, a commercial officer at the U.S. Embassy, had wanted to make the run for reasons not unlike Sir Edmund Hillary's explanation of why he had climbed Mt. Everest -- "because it was there."

Friends who are on a committee to raise funds to build a new home for ACOR convinced the two to make a publicity stunt out of the marathon, and dubbed it the "Run for ACOR." They solicited individuals and companies to agree to pay a certain amount of money for each kilometre run by one of the two men, or others who might join them for a few kilometres.

On March 20, Mr. Starret and Mr. Abizaid started out at the crack of dawn from the East Ghor Canal in the Jordan Valley with Aqaba, 473 kilometres away, as their destination. They planned on reaching the seaside resort in a week by running between 60 and



Some of the participants on the first day of the "Run for ACOR" in the Jordan Valley. From left to right: Mr. John Abizaid, Dr. Munther Haddadin, Mr. Sam Starret, Dr. Jim Sauer and Dr. Burton McDonald.

80 kilometres a day.

Joining them for about 20 kilometres on the first day were Dr. Munther Haddadin, senior vice-president of the Jordan Valley Authority; Dr. Sauer, Dr. Burton McDonald, a Canadian who is currently an assistant professor at ACOR; Mr. Jim Shea of USAID and his son Matt.

Mr. Abizaid and Mr. Starret did a full 65 kilometres, ending up at the Deir Alla resthouse for the night. On this first day, Mr. Starret's knee began to hurt. Nonetheless he continued to Mr. Nebo the next day. On the way there he and his companion accidentally ran about 20 metres into a minefield -- the fence surrounding the field had been washed out by the season's heavy rain. It took them over half an hour to tiptoe their way out.

As they began their third day, Mr. Starret's knee became very painful and the Achilles tendon on the other leg, which he was favouring, became very swollen. "It's amazing that he actually ran two more days after getting the knee injury. While we were in the Wadi Mujib on the third day it actually got to the point where Sam couldn't walk anymore, though he could still manage to run," Mr. Abizaid said.

He finally convinced his companion to get in the back of the landrover that was escorting the two and go on to the Kerak resthouse, where he later joined Mr. Starret and the car's hired driver. In the meantime the driver, he said, "turned cowardly. He was afraid of attacks from the Bedouin. With no companion or escort car, I was sure there was no way I could finish the run. It was

very depressing" to think that he would leave the resthouse alone.

Quite suddenly, a Jordanian army major stepped into the resthouse looking for the Americans who needed his clearance to run through the Wadi Araba area south of Kerak, which is under army control. Coincidentally the officer, Maj. Anwar Rayyan, had once been escorted through a U.S. paratrooper school by Mr. Abizaid, and the American captain had trained with the Jordanian's unit the year before. The major urged his old friend not to worry about completing the run; the army would take care of everything when he woke to resume, running the next morning.

Mr. Starret and the driver went back to Amman. The injured runner told the Jordan Times that the pain he was in at that time was not nearly as keen as his disappointment at not completing the run.

The following morning, Mr. Abizaid was met by a soldier who took him to nearby Qasr. Shortly afterwards an army truck pulled up with seven Special Forces soldiers in the back, dressed in running suits. They jumped out and began doing warm-up exercises in preparation for accompanying him. One sergeant enthusiastically wanted to run the remaining 300 kilometres to Aqaba. Maj. Rayyan objected that he needed the sergeant, but allowed him to run the 90 or so kilometres through the unit's territory.

They were followed by the landrover, driven by soldier. A machine gun vehicle preceded them. Every ten kilometres or so, it stopped in advance of the runners to lay out mats for them, pre-

pare tea and boil water for them to soak their legs in. The soldiers did not seem to think the idea of the run strange; rather they took it as a proof of army prowess. "They kept telling me that no civilian could do what we were doing, only we in the army could. They treated the run as though it were joint manoeuvres and supplied everything at a moment's notice," Mr. Abizaid said.

While in the Wadi Araba region, the runners did about 30 kilometres in the morning and another 30 in the evening in order to avoid the hot daytime hours. "When I didn't want to go a step beyond 25, my companion would urge and shame me into going on by saying I had to make my daily quota or I wouldn't finish my run," the American captain recalled.

By this time, the desert police did not want to miss out on the act. They invited the runners to a mid-day *menzaf* at one of their stations and took the American, placed astride a camel, back to where he left off running for the meal.

When the two got to the end of the Wadi Araba region is Safi, another southern command unit having authority over the area down to Aqaba took over. Although the landrover still accompanied him, Mr. Abizaid had to run the 20 or so kilometres left in his daily quota alone.

"After I'd thought I'd run five kilometres, I'd turn around and ask the driver how far I'd gone. The distance would turn out to be one kilometre," he said. He added that when he saw a sign indicating that Aqaba was still 200 kilometres away, he grew even more despondent. As he went to sleep that night in an army post, he thought this time he would really have to give up the run.

In the morning, the 55-year old lieutenant in charge of the post asked him if he had an extra pair of running shoes. "I'm running with you to encourage you," he said. Although he had never run before, the hardy lieutenant, who had spent 26 years in the army, ran 20 kilometres with Mr. Abizaid.

"While he was running up a cigarette. He said for you -- it clears the your lungs," Mr. Abizaid said.

When they rested, ant, reproached Mr. Abizaid, "drinking water, a bedouin--most soldiers belong to the tribe--would do such a lieutenant instructed him to eat or water with salt tomatoes which he brought along. Abu 2 bedouin insisted on Abizaid), was how for his ignorance became only "half Arab."

After the lieutenant stint, at least one man unit accompanied the all the way to Aqaba. were 15 of them, all who fit perfectly into the 9 running shoes. One participants was a soldier been injured by a land had a metal plate in his two kilometres.

On Friday morning, than a week later, Mr. the last 20 kilometres. "Until that day, I bothered by blisters. I that final leg I felt as insides were falling out. I could have made it,"

Nonetheless, he finished with the driver who him leaving the landrover middle of the road to the last couple of kilometres amid cheers of soldiers.

The Run for ACOR JD 1,000. Contributions trickling in, although a large as the JD 250 of Samir Saffi or the JD 21 Laing Construction.

Mr. Starret, who almost fully recuperate injuries, is determined another marathon run perhaps across the east of Jordan. He will accompany, though Abizaid will begin grad at Princeton or Harvard.

## Insulting

WE COULD NOT agree more with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's assertion, in a speech to American journalists at the end of his visit to Washington this week, that "the Palestinian question is the core of the Middle East conflict and that it must be given top priority in any peace effort." We agree, furthermore, with his next statement, that "a final settlement cannot be reached without the full participation of the Palestinian people."

The trouble is, there is a substantial gap between these bland assertions by Mr. Sadat and the reality of the "peace effort" in which he is engaged.

For what the Camp David process has succeeded in doing has been to shift the impetus and dissipate the energies needed for peace away from settling -- or even addressing -- the legitimate rights and aspirations of the Palestinian people for independence and self-determination, and divert them into a sterile bilateral disengagement and accommodation agreement between Egypt and Israel.

When, early on in the process, Mr. Sadat abandoned the concept of "linkage" between "progress" in the Egyptian-Israeli negotiations and concomitant progress on the Palestine front, he succeeded in separating the Palestinian question from his own country's needs for peace and security. This not only removed the most populous and most influential Arab power from the common Arab struggle (thus alienating its people from their Arab brethren and jeopardising their historic sense of Arabism); it also wedded Egypt to Israel, with American benediction, in a strategic marriage that, so long as Israel continues to occupy, colonise and flout the sovereignty of Arab lands, makes of Egypt an enemy in the Arab midst. Most tragic of all, the net effect of Mr. Sadat's "peacemaking" has been to sanction, encourage and attempt to legalise Israel's continued, and even tightened, grip on the occupied Arab homeland.

So Egypt, the United States and even Israel itself have found it possible to have "peace" in the Middle East without the Palestinians. That is a far cry from recognising that "a final settlement cannot be reached without the full participation of the Palestinian people."

We suspect that Mr. Sadat is not aware of these contradictions. And his air of grandiose self-delusion persists even at a time when the eyes of world public opinion have been opened, by the actions of Mr. Begin's government, to the true nature of Zionism, and the brutal reality of its application in Palestine.

In his quest for self-aggrandisement, as displayed during his visit to Washington, Mr. Sadat has shown himself to be not above hurling vile insults at Arab and Islamic leaders who do not see the Middle East conflict through his own distorted lens. This makes it all the more disturbing that he should be the one to stand up in Washington and prattle on about the centrality of the Palestinian question, whose prospects for just and permanent resolution he has done so much to compromise.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RAI: President Sadat yesterday stood before T.V. cameras in Washington to announce that Premier Begin was an honest gentleman, and also seized the occasion to speak ill of his fellow Arab leaders.

Perhaps the president has been captivated by the cameras and believes that through vilification of his countrymen, he can aspire to be a T.V. star and win the admiration of viewers. But Mr. Sadat seems to be unaware of the fact that verbal spats do not make stars, and are not appropriate for heads of state.

No other European, American, Asian or African leader has ever stood before T.V. cameras and correspondents to attack his own countrymen, or even his adversaries, in such a way as Mr. Sadat did in Washington yesterday.

We want to assure the Egyptian president that he will never succeed in dragging Arab leaders into his war of words so as to distract them from their national goals, because the Arab nation is determined to face all challenges, rescue the Palestinian cause from the claws of the Camp David agreements and leave Mr. Sadat in isolation.

AL DUSTOUR: In his statements to radio and T.V. correspondents in Washington, President Sadat did not reveal any secrets about his talks with President Carter, nor did he announce anything worth commenting on. By reiterating his desire to address the Israeli Knesset again, stating his readiness to grant the United States facilities for the purpose of invading Iran or interfering in the Gulf region, and even by his traditional verbal attacks on and insults hurled at Arab leaders, the president did not surprise anyone, because we know that he has already aligned his country with the U.S. strategy in the Middle East.

The only new element in Mr. Sadat's statements was that he uttered his insults and verbal attacks against the Arab leaders with millions of Americans watching him on their T.V. screens at home, and thus demonstrated his shamelessness and that of his regime. His acts represent a scandal to Egypt and the Arab and Islamic peoples.

Would the Americans tolerate their president's standing before them and describing Leonid Brezhnev as a lunatic or Fidel Castro as a schizophrenic? When His Majesty King Hussein was asked by a BBC Television interviewer in London last year if he would describe Mr. Sadat's stands as an act of treachery, he promptly replied: "We in Jordan do not use such terms, but I can say that Sadat has gone astray."

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### French Film Festival

The French Cultural Centre presents a film by Claude Chabrol entitled "Que la bete meure" (1969) starring Michel Duchaussoy, Jean Yanne, Caroline Cellier and Anouk Ferjac. The film is subtitled in Arabic and starts at 7:30 p.m.

## Local News Briefs

AMMAN, April 11 (JNA) -- His Highness Crown Prince Hassan opened here today Jordan's first institute for training in the oriental self-defence art of Tae Kwan Do. In a speech on the occasion the Prince, who is honorary president of the Tae Kwan Do union in Jordan, expressed his hope that a number of such institutes will be opened in Amman and other towns to instruct people in self defence. At the ceremony, the first class to complete a course of training performed exercises before Prince Hassan and an audience. Later the Crown Prince distributed diplomas to the graduates.

AMMAN, April 11 (JNA) -- Jordan is taking part in the fifth annual meeting of the Arab institute for statistical training and research, which opens in Baghdad tomorrow. During the five-day meeting, the institute's board make a general review of the training programmes carried out last year and plans for the years 1981 through 1983. The head of Jordan's delegation, Mr. Burhan Shraideh said before departing for Baghdad. He said that apart from Jordan, the meeting will be attended by representatives from Iraq, Syria, Somalia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, North Yemen, Palestine, Algeria, Sudan and South Yemen.

AJLOUN, April 11 (JT) -- A 26-year old woman was found dead in the village of Bais in the district of Ajloun, and police say she was strangled. According to *Al Rai* newspaper, the perpetrators were three men who have now apprehended. No more details were given. In Ma'an, a seven-year-old boy admitted to hospital suffering from severe injuries, reported to have been caused by his teacher's beating him. The police are conducting an investigation.

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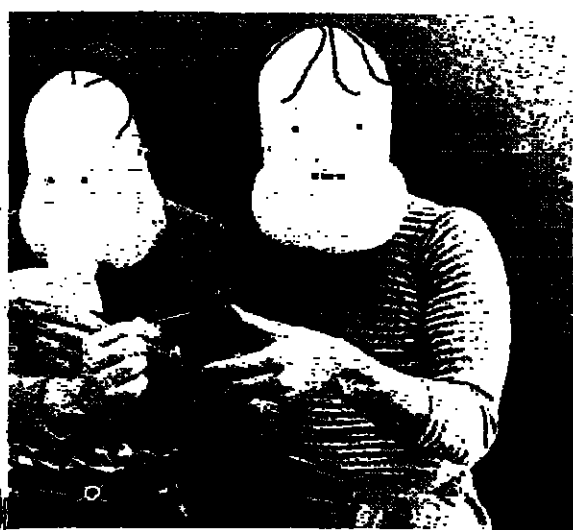
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# Amman-Damas-Scene

for the Jordan Times by Pat McDonnell



ed cartoon masks add many a laugh to the performances  
ng Picture Mime Show, which will perform at 8 p.m.  
Al Kabbani Hall.

(Week of April 12 - 18)

## EXHIBITIONS

April 13: An exhibition of 35 oil paintings by Jor-  
st Gelsen Sleem goes on view for five days in the Arab  
entre. A 6 p.m. reception will open the solo show. Ms.  
is a Fine Arts degree from the University of Washing-  
alistic paintings portray villagers of Oman and Jordan.

, April 14: "Graphic Sculptures" entitles an exhibition  
om the Institute of Foreign Relations at Stuttgart, in  
: Institute. The show will continue until April 26.

hibition of colour and black and white photos com-  
g Space Day will open in the Soviet Cultural Centre.

th in the German Democratic Republic" entitles an  
of photos in the GDR Cultural Centre marking the  
al Day of Youth and Students, April 24.

ING: A one-man show featuring the expressionistic  
lestinian artist Aiman Sharif continues until Friday in  
an Cultural Centre.

than 51 Syrian artists are represented in an exhibition  
ating the March 8 Revolution in Al Sha'b Gallery.

## THEATRE

Y, April 12: Pantomime artist Nemo will perform at 8  
Kabbani Hall. This will be the young actor's second  
it in Damascus; he performed here in 1978. The event  
: sponsorship of the Syrian Ministry of Culture and the  
stitute.

April 14: The Moving Picture Mime Show will per-  
m. in Al Kabbani Hall. Toby Sedgwick, Paul Filipiak  
Grimes, who made up the troupe, met while studying at  
: Lecocq school for mime and movement in Paris, and  
rming in May 1976 in the streets of Paris. They now  
London. The company has updated traditional mask  
work with fast-moving rhythms, sounds and climaxes  
with cartoons. A unique feature of their shows is the  
employ. Traces of the naive masks of Basel are  
the masks, which combine traditional and modern  
and emerge as cartoon-like caricatures of human  
highlight of the troupe's Damascus appearance will be  
of "The Seven Samurai." The show is under the  
the Syrian Ministry of Culture and the British Cultural  
kets may be obtained from the British Cultural Centre.

## LECTURES

, April 14: "Responsibility for the Citizens of Tomor-  
es a forum slated for 8 p.m. in the German Democratic  
Cultural Centre (in Arabic). Mr. Hans Jagenow, chief of  
ment of Youth Affairs of the GDR, will lead the  
A documentary film, entitled "Everyday Life for the  
s" also will be shown (in Arabic).

l. Weigelin, director of the Institute for Experimental  
vlogy of the University of Bonn, will discuss techniques  
ing eye diseases at Damascus University School of  
His talk will be in English. Please call the Goethe  
1 333-797 for the time and place of his lecture.

April 18: "Impressions de France, l'Eau," entitles a  
gramme to be offered by Mr. Raymond Collet in the  
lural Centre at 7 p.m. (in French). This will be the  
e Mr. Collet has presented the talk, which accom-  
images from dual slide projectors and special musical

## VIDEO-TAPED PROGRAMMES

WEDNESDAY, April 16: An imaginary voyage with Andre Mal-  
raux, entitled "Promenades imaginaires dans Venise," is slated  
for 6 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre (in French).

FRIDAY, April 18: A police intrigue, entitled "L'Amuseur," is  
scheduled for 6 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre (in French).

## FILMS

SATURDAY, April 12 and MONDAY, April 14: "Melodie en  
Sous-Sol," a 1963 film directed by Henri Verneuil, will be shown  
at 7:30 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre. Jean Gabin, Alain  
Delon, Viviane Romance and Georges Wilson star in the detec-  
tive story (in French, with Arabic sub-titles).

SUNDAY, April 13: "Barbara, the Incurable," entitles a fea-  
ture film slated for 6:30 p.m. in the German Democratic Republic  
Cultural Centre. The plot deals with a young woman torn between  
athletic ambitions and the demands of everyday life. It stars Cox  
Habbema (in German, with Arabic sub-titles).

MONDAY, April 14, and WEDNESDAY, April 16: "The Krem-  
lin Bells" is the title of a feature film to be shown both nights at 7  
p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre (in Russian, with Arabic sub-  
titles).

WEDNESDAY, April 15 to SATURDAY, April 19: "Interiors",  
by Woody Allen, will be shown at 7 p.m. in the American Cultural  
Centre. Tickets are available by signing up for membership a day  
before performances at the centre.

THURSDAY, April 17: "Just Flowers on the Roof," a delightful  
comedy about the fate of a vintage car, will be shown at 8 p.m. in  
the German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre (in German).

\*\*\* "L' Affiche Rouge," a 1976 film directed by Frank Cassenti,  
is slated for 8:30 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre. The plot  
deals with the problems of a theatrical troupe during World War  
II. The cast includes Pierre Clementi, Roger Ibanez and members  
of Theatre du Soleil (in French, with Arabic sub-titles).

FRIDAY, April 18: "Lenin in Poland" entitles a feature film to be  
shown at 7 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre (Arabic sub-titles).

If you have items for the Damas-Scene column, please phone  
them in Damascus to 336-658 or mail them 10 days in advance to  
Pat McDonnell, P.O. Box 5601, Damascus.



Women Freedom Fighters of Oman are portrayed in this oil painting  
by Gelsen Sleem, whose works are on view this week in the Arab  
Cultural Centre.

# Amman Little League season opens



AMMAN, April 11 (JT)—On the opening day of the  
Amman Little League's baseball season today,  
Citibank played Heery, Intercom played Jordan  
Express and TAMS played Telcom. Thirteen spon-  
soring organisations have contributed to the Little  
League, among other things, three dozen bats, seven  
dozen balls, eight batter's helmets, 15 gloves and three  
cases of glove oil.

Amman Little League switched this year from  
softball to Official Little League hardball rules for its  
older league, which meant protective equipment was

required on some players—notably the catchers. There  
were also noteworthy changes to the league's T-Ball  
rules.

Clockwise, from top: TAMS pitcher Bill Saleh  
warms up on the mound before playing Telcom; TAMS  
coach Ivan Duke places the obligatory batter's helmet  
on his daughter Leanne; the playing field seen from  
behind the backstop; and Telcom catcher Jay David-  
son gets up to don the mask which will obliterate his  
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erate. In Aqaba winds will be  
northerly moderate and seas calm.

	Overnight	Daytime
	low	high
Amman	7	17
Aqaba	13	27
Deserts	8	21
Jordan Valley	13	25

## LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	307.00/309.00
U.K. sterling	669.00/673.90
West German mark	162.30/163.30
Swiss franc	172.50/173.50
French franc	70.40/70.80
Italian lire	
(for every 100)	34.90/35.10
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(for every 100)	121.80/122.50
Dutch guilder	148.60/149.50
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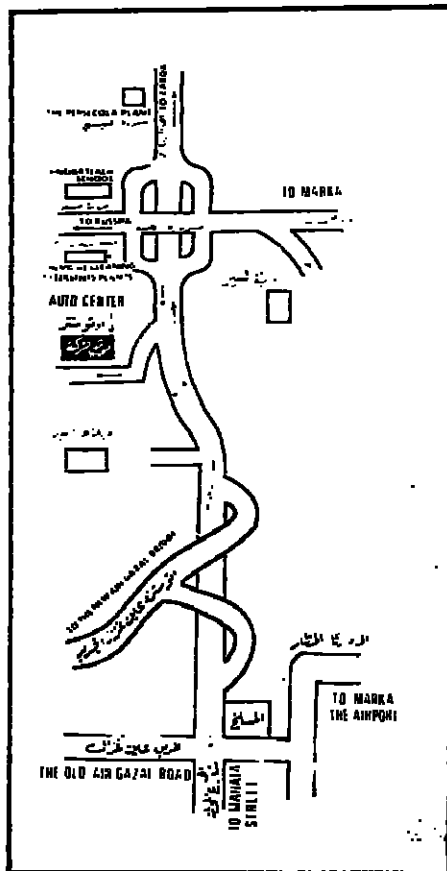
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# U.S., France negotiate gas price with Algeria

ALGIERS, April 11 (Agencies) — Negotiations to establish a new price for sales of Algerian natural gas to El Paso of the United States will resume April 21, energy minister Mr. Belkacem Nabi told a news conference last night. However the talks will be conducted by an official from the U.S. energy department and not representatives of El Paso, a Houston-based company that is Algeria's largest client, Mr. Nabi said.

"A U.S. under-secretary is scheduled to arrive April 21 to resume negotiations," Mr. Nabi said. El Paso "no longer represents a commercial entity since it can't decide on a new price, not even on a provisional advance" because the approval of the U.S. administration is "indispensable."

Talks between Algeria's state-owned Sonatrach oil and gas company and El Paso were suspended last week and gas shipments were temporarily halted.

Algeria, supplier of 1.5 per cent of U.S. natural gas needs, is demanding \$6.11 per thousand cubic metres. The previous price was \$2.95 per thousand cubic metres under an agreement that expired last week.

Mr. Nabi said that Algeria suspended gas sales to the United States April 1 following a "written request" by El Paso because the

company was unable to obtain U.S. government approval for a new price. But El Paso Vice President David Mackle said in an interview Monday the current situation is "no price, no gas." Mr. Nabi also said that negotiations with the French utility Gas de France (GDF) will resume on April 16-17. He said the suspension of gas shipments to France was temporary and due to "technical problems". Algeria is seeking similar price increases from its European customers.

The energy minister said Algeria was "defending a universally admitted principle which is the parity of gas prices with those of crude oil." Algeria has watched the price of its crude oil double to around \$30 a barrel in the past year.

Mr. Nabi said the parity principle was backed up by Abu Dhabi and Indonesian gas sales to Japan, demands for higher prices by Holland and those fixed for Canadian and Mexican gas sales to the United States. The official said that if no agreement is reached on a new pricing system, Algeria could sell gas on the spot market if prices are attractive.

Meanwhile gas deliveries to France from Algeria, one of its major suppliers, have virtually ceased since mid-March, a spokesman for the (GDF) said

yesterday. Sonatrach said the cut in supplies was the result of technical problems at liquefaction plants.

The GDF spokesman declined all comment on the reasons for the break in supplies, but noted that GDF is currently discussing with Sonatrach a planned doubling in Algerian gas prices. GDF has described the Algerian plans announced one month ago to raise gas prices from three to six dollars per million British thermal units as "unacceptable".

French press reports have suggested the cut in Algerian supplies might have been engineered to put pressure on the French to accept the price increase. The spokesman for GDF said French gas stocks were sufficient to com-

pensate for the break in Algerian supplies for several months, although Sonatrach normally provides around one sixth of French needs.

Algeria will cut its oil production this year by more than 15 per cent to one million barrels a day, Algerian energy and petrochemicals minister Belkacem Nabi said yesterday. Mr. Nabi told a press conference that this compared with a global output — crude and oil extracted from gas — of 1.2 million barrels a day last year.

The level of Algeria's production is dependent on its oil commitments, the needs of its economy, currency requirements for its development plans and the necessity of preserving energy resources, he added.

## Dollar rebounds against yen

LONDON, April 11 (AP) — Thin, erratic trading on foreign exchanges ahead of the weekend saw the dollar close mostly lower today against other currencies except the Japanese yen. Bullion prices closed slightly higher in dull dealing.

After soaring to a peak of around 20 per cent, U.S. prime lending rates and eurodollar interest rates on dollar deposits in Europe have started to ease. This led to some profit taking today and some reappraisal by investors of where to put their money for the best return, dealers said.

The dollar has also been hit by the American decision to break diplomatic links with oil-rich Iran. But many dealers continued to play down the importance of this as a factor in the dollar's slip.

"The biggest factor contributing to the dollar coming off this week was that market operators were taking the view that U.S. market (interest) rates had topped out," said a London dealer.

# Iran softens oil price stand

TOKYO, April 11 (R) — Iran has indicated it is ready to modify its decision to add an extra \$2.50 a barrel to the price of the oil it sells to Japan, the president of the Petroleum Federation of Japan said yesterday. The official, Mr. Tokio Nagayama, told a news conference that Japanese and West European importers had challenged the increase and that Iran had now suggested negotiations.

The increase from April 1 brought Iran's price, when premiums were added, to an effective \$35.37 a barrel, compared with \$26 being charged by Saudi Arabia.

Oil industry analysts in London said that if Iran cannot make its new price stick, it would be the first significant such failure since members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) began price leapfrogging in a market jittery about supplies after Iran's revolution last year.

Tokyo oil industry sources said it appeared that Iran had softened its attitude because its confrontation with the United States had put it in a difficult position. Japan is Iran's biggest customer, taking some 500,000 barrels a day of Iranian oil.

British Petroleum (BP) which buys 125,000 barrels a day of Iranian oil, has said it is sending executives to discuss the price increase to Tehran this weekend

and the Royal Dutch Shell Group, another customer, also expects to hold early talks on the issue. The Japanese industry sources said Japanese companies challenged the increase acting jointly with some West European oil companies.

Mr. Nagayama, the petroleum federation president, told his news conference that the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) has told 13 Japanese refineries and trading houses it is ready to begin negotiating separately with them in Tehran after April 15 on its price increase. But he said the Japanese companies will consult with the government before answering this notification in view of a delicate position in which Japan finds itself following US-Iranian confrontation.

On April 1, the NIOC notified the Japanese companies that it had decided to raise the price of Iranian light by \$2.50 to a basic \$35 a barrel, with immediate effect, industry sources said. The Japanese companies thought the price increase was unreasonable, because it would increase the price of Iranian light to a level \$9 a barrel higher than Arabian light, which was of a similar quality, they said.

Japanese companies challenged the price increase by refusing to answer the first notification, the sources said.

## LONDON EXCHANGE RATE

LONDON, April 11 (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the close of trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today.

One sterling	2.1980/2000	U.S. dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.775/78	Canadian dollar
	1.8790/8810	West German mark
	2.0500/50	Dutch guilders
	1.7750/90	Swiss francs
	30.20/30	Belgian francs
	4.3450/3550	French francs
	873.00/875.00	Italian lire
	252.50/253.50	Japanese yen
	4.3800/20	Swedish crowns
	5.0850/80	Norwegian crowns
	5.8500/8600	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	527.00/531.00	U.S. dollars

## LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, April 11 (R) — The market closed quietly with dealers said. At 1500 the FT index was up 1.2 at 433.0. Industrials and banks ended the account with gains ranging 5p in a thin market. Oils were narrowly mixed, apart from £ which lost 8p on anxieties over the trading pattern in the ft market.

Government bonds were generally 1/8 to 1/4 point firmer despite some speculation of a new long "tap" stock announcement, dealers added.

U.S. stocks eased while Canadians rose.

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## YOUR DAILY Horoscope

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**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** Beneath all the surface unces today there is a good influence that will give chance advance in your favorite interests. Use reasoning powers to advantage.

**S (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** A day to look into modern ideas and ideas through which to advance more quickly career. Be more poised and happy.

**US (Apr. 20 to May 20)** Steer clear of persons to argue. Take time to study a new project that can more abundance in the future.

**INI (May 21 to June 21)** A modern thinking perge you valuable advice now, so be sure to follow no risks with money.

**CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21)** Avoid an old-tact who could deter your progress right now. dern ways of advancement.

**July 22 to Aug. 21)** Look over your surroundings to sensible plans for improvement. Be careful of is jealous of you.

**O (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)** Have a long talk with an make future operations more functional. Take engage in favorite hobby.

**A (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** Make a stronger effort to your image in the community, but don't worry ideas remarks by others.

**PIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** Waste no time in putting ideas to work and make the future brighter. Show action for your mate.

**ITARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** Plan how to im- conditions and be happier from now on. Be ling to cooperate with others.

**ICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Attend to routine early in the day so you will have more time for later. Make new friends today.

**RIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** Find a better and more way of handling money and property affairs. Ac- gestions from a newcomer.

**IS (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** Your personal aims are you now, so plan how to make more progress gaining them. Think constructively.

## JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

### US baseball roundup

NEW YORK, April 11 (AP)—On a night when he came within 2 2/3 innings of joining the likes of Bob Feller and Leon Ames in baseball's history books, uppermost in J.R. Richard's mind was not walking anyone. Richard, the National League's strike out king, breezed through 6 1/3 innings of perfect ball last night before yielding a hit as he pitched the Houston Astros to a 3-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Richard struck out 13 before getting relief help in the ninth from Joe Sambito, but more importantly he did not walk a batter. Including spring training, the hard-throwing right-hander has gone 20 innings without yielding a free pass.

Rudy Law ended Richard's bid for a no-hitter, grounding a single between first and second. Reggie Smith followed with a double, and the Dodgers scored their runs on a throwing error by Astros third baseman Enos Cabell and Dusty Baker's sacrifice fly.

In other National League games, St. Louis edged Pittsburgh 1-0, the New York Mets whipped the Chicago Cubs 5-2 and San Diego downed San Francisco 6-4. Montreal is at Philadelphia tonight for the season-opener for both teams.

Until the seventh, Richard had a shot at becoming only the third man in baseball history to begin the season with a no-hitter. The Astros scored in the first inning on a solo homer by Terry Puhl off right-hander Burt Hooton. Houston took a 3-0 lead in the third when Jose Cruz homered, and Alan Ashby cracked an RBI single.

Cards 1, Pirates 0: Pete Vuckovich tossed a three-hitter, and George Hendrick drove in the only run of the game as St. Louis spoiled the world series champions' opener. Vuckovich retired 16 in a row until Phil Garner singled with one out in the sixth. The Cards got their only run in the second when Bobby Bonds walked and scored from first when Hendrick lined a double over third.

Mets 5, Cubs 2: New York won on opening day for the sixth straight year behind the pitching and hitting of right-hander Craig Swan scattered seven hits in seven innings and drove in two runs with a bases-full single in the Mets' four-run sixth inning. Jerry Morales also knocked in a pair of runs for the Mets. The Cubs got their runs in the sixth on Dave Kingman's run-scoring single and in the seventh when Len Randle singled home a run.

Padres 6, Giants 4: Dave Cash, Gene Richards and Dave Winfield each drove in a pair of runs to give rookie manager Jerry Coleman, San Diego's former radio play-by-play man, his first victory. San Diego trailed 4-3 before scoring three runs in the fifth off Bob Knepper.

"I was looking for the strikeout and then the ground ball, in that order." As it was, manager Dick Howser of the New York Yankees didn't get either from Rich Gossage last night. All he got was a wild pitch with the bases loaded from his ace reliever and a number in the loss column. "What a way to break innings said the rookie Yankee manager after a tough 1-0, 12-inning loss to the Texas Rangers in the opener for both American League baseball teams.

Rivers had led off the Rangers 12th with a hard shot which handcuffed yankee third baseman Graig Nettles, who threw the ball away. Rivers was safe at second on the hit and error. Bump Willis sacrificed Rivers to third and Howser elected to intentionally walk Al Oliver and Buddy Bell and bring on Gossage.

Starting pitchers Jon Matlack of the Rangers and Ron Guidry of the Yankees duelled brilliantly for nine innings before turning the game over to relievers.

In other American League action, the Baltimore Orioles whipped the Chicago White Sox 5-3. The Detroit Tigers beat the Kansas City Royals 5-1. The Milwaukee Brewers outscored the Boston Red Sox 9-5 and the Minnesota Twins stopped the Oakland A's 9-7 in 12 innings. Cleveland and California open tonight in Anaheim.

Orioles 5, White Sox 3: Eddie Murray's two-run double keyed a four-run first inning that carried Baltimore and Jim Palmer over Chicago. Palmer, an eight-time 20-game winner, posted his 226th career victory with late relief help from Tim Lincecum.

Tigers 5, Royals 1: Rookie Kirk Gibson hit a home run and a triple, and Jack Morris tossed a three-hitter to lead Detroit over Kansas City. Gibson smashed a solo homer to tie the score in the fourth, and tripled off loser Dennis Leonard to ignite a three-run uprising in the sixth.

Brewers 9, Red Sox 5: Sixto Lezcano hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning and a two-out, grand slam blast in the ninth to lead Milwaukee over Boston.

With the score tied at 5-5, Paul Molitor led off the Brewers ninth off Dick Drago, Boston's third pitcher. After a sacrifice, Dick Davis fouled out, but Ben Oglivie was intentionally walked and Gorman Thomas walked on a 3-2 pitch to set the stage for Lezcano's shot into the right field bullpen.

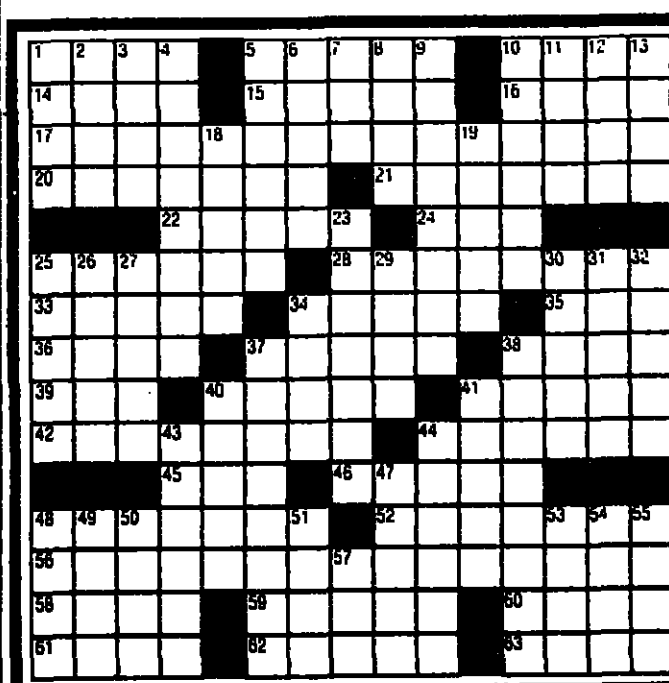
Twins 9, A's 7: Roy Smalley and Rick Soffield hit solo homers in the 12th to lead Minnesota over Oakland in Billy Martin's first game as the A's manager. Smalley led off the Twins 12th with a homer to right field off Steve McCatty after going hitless his first five at-bats. Soffield homered with two outs for his third hit of the game.

### THE Daily Crossword by Jeanette K. Brill

ACROSS	25 Non com-	46 Swap	23 Harmonious
1 Animal's	26 Supply with	48 In excess	24 relation-
place	27 critical	52 Plane	ship
5 Move in	33 Succulent	56 Ritual	25 Of cheeks
opposition	34 "Lady of —"	58 King of	26 Choice part
10 "I've got —"	35 Bikini top	59 Escargot	27 Wanderer
of living...	36 Ade fruit	60 Caesarean	28 "For want
14 British	37 Theme	61 Chinney	of a —
queen	38 Gravy or	62 Muslim	30 Cut short
15 Metal	39 — loss	63 judges: var.	31 Crossbeam
mixture	40 Given by	64 Easy — it	32 Cafe patron
16 Branches	41 Chutzpah	65 Lowest	33 Achy
17 Going,	42 Saviour	66 Circuits	34 Mediter-
gong, going	43 Kind of	67 Once again	35 nean tree
20 — out	44 Kind of	68 Regarding	36 Deprived by
(endured)	45 R.R. stop	69 Witty reply	37 loss
21 Peachlike		70 Badgers' kin	38 Flower part
22 Satrap		71 Not of the	39 point
24 Hirt and		72 Clergy	40 — de corps
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			50 Fodder pit
			51 Sicilian
			52 resort
			53 European
			54 Bone comb.
			55 form
			56 Poison ivy
			57 Tribe of
			58 Israel

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

ACROSS	DOWN
1. BATH	1. RING
2. AMERICAN	2. SOFT DRINK
3. HED	3. REMEMBERING
4. PLOP	4. A DRUM
5. STR	5. DALL
6. BAST	6. MRO
7. PLOP	7. NOT OF THE
8. PLOP	8. CLERGY
9. PLOP	9. MELVILLE
10. PLOP	10. OPUS
11. PLOP	11. COLOR
12. PLOP	12. NEEDLE
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West North East South  
1 ♠ 2 ♥ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

South, vulnerable,  
2 ♠ A36 ♠ AK105  
ing has proceeded:  
set North East  
Dble. Pass  
? Dble. Pass

on do you take?

vulnerable, as  
hold:  
♠ AK ♠ A94 ♠ A87  
ing has proceeded:  
set North East  
ss 4 ♠ Pass

on do you take?

her vulnerable, as  
hold:  
♠ 352 ♠ A6 ♠ AK5  
ing has proceeded:  
MAN set North East  
CHINESE Pass 3 ♥ Pass

you bid now?

South, vulnerable,  
♠ 18 ♠ A983 ♠ KJ62  
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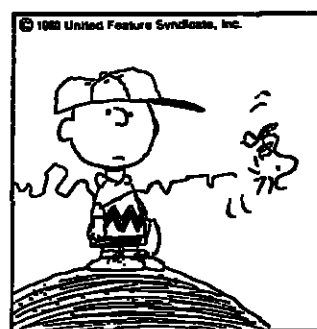
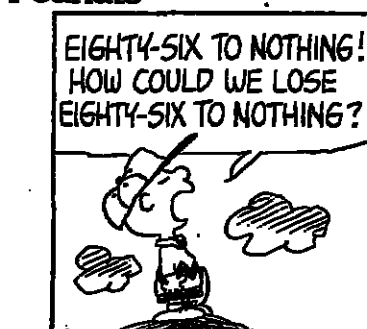
Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as  
South you hold:  
♠ KQ4 ♠ K8752 ♠ AQ ♠ J103  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
2 NT Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as  
South you hold:  
♠ A72 ♠ Q6 ♠ K1072 ♠ A1095  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South  
Pass 3 ♥ ?  
What action do you take?

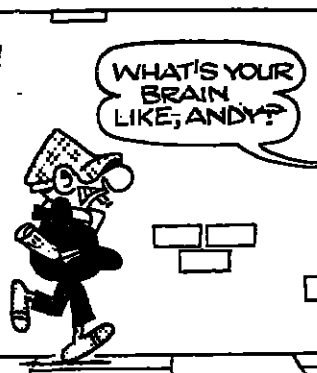
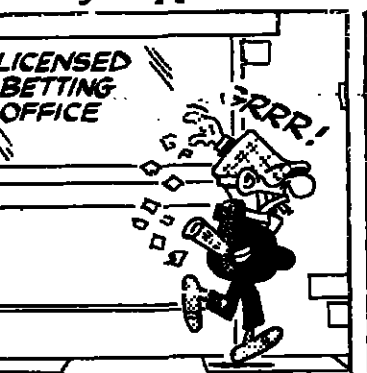
Q.7—Both vulnerable, as  
South you hold:  
♠ 93 ♠ 1062 ♠ J763 ♠ A985  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♥ Pass 1 NT Pass  
3 ♠ Pass ?  
What action do you take?

Q.8—Both vulnerable, as  
South you hold:  
♠ A872 ♠ A963 ♠ 7 ♠ AK83  
The bidding has proceeded:  
West North East South  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ ?  
What action do you take?

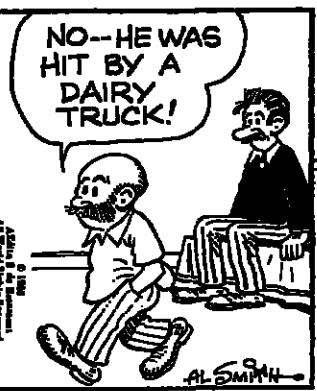
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12:15 Dallas  
11:15 News in Arabic  
11:30 News

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7:30 News in Hebrew  
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9:00 Best actor  
10:00 News in English  
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11:25 News in Arabic  
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## U.S. to tell NATO allies they must boost effort to curb Soviet expansion

BRUSSELS, April 11 (R) — The United States will tell its European allies at a high-level NATO meeting on Monday they must share the burden of containing expanding Soviet power following the Afghan crisis, alliance sources said today.

The western alliance will review the East-West political and military situation to prepare for the spring meetings of NATO's defence and foreign ministers.

Mr. Robert Komer, U.S. under secretary of defence for policy, is expected to urge Western Europeans to increase their efforts in two directions — stepped up defence preparedness at home, and increased presence in the Indian Ocean region for those countries with the naval capability, the sources said.

The United States knows it will have to bear the main burden of defending the oil lifeline in the Gulf area but it expects the European allies to take some part in it.

It seeks to put some flesh on the "division of labour within NATO" concept mooted in Bonn and Washington, they said.

Within NATO itself, the alliance must fix the priorities of its long-term defence programme, adopted in 1978, when each member country also pledged to increase its defence spending by three per cent.

Even if the three per cent rule were respected, it would not allow everything to be done at the same time. Several countries are lagging behind, such as Turkey and Portugal, but also wealthier Canada, Denmark, the Netherlands and Belgium.

NATO's commander in Europe, General Bernard Rogers, said this week: "While NATO's three per cent commitment is welcome, given the threat we con-

front, it will not be enough to close the widening gap in Warsaw Pact/NATO military capabilities."

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Major Saad Haddad (centre) maintains pressure against U.N. peacekeeping troops in southern Lebanon. (Gamma photo)

## Irish troops in Lebanon bitter about Haddad fight

TIBBIN, Lebanon, April 11 (R) — Irish peace troops in southern Lebanon are bitter about the fighting which has pitted their battalion against Lebanese rightist militiamen in the turbulent area near the border with Israel.

One Irish sergeant is now in an Israeli hospital after a bullet went through his eye and lodged in his head during clashes earlier this week with the militia of Major Saad Haddad.

The soldier was one of three Irishmen wounded. Nine others were taken hostage by the rightists but were later released. Firing in the Irish area flared again today. Major Haddad's forces control a strip of territory along the border.

Commandant Michael Minchane, second in command of the Irish battalion at its Tibbin headquarters, told Reuters: "Haddad stops us doing what we are here to do and then the Israelis, who are supporting Haddad, complain we aren't doing our job."

The Irish battalion is part of the 6,000-strong United Nations peace-supervising force in the south. The Irishmen are more than usually glad that they are to be relieved by fresh troops soon.

The fighting over recent weeks has been the worst since the first soldiers from their country arrived in Lebanon two years ago. After Palestinian guerrillas attacked an Israeli border settlement on Monday, Israel charged that the commandos had reached the border zone by infiltrating through an area controlled by the United Nations Truce Force in Lebanon (UNTF).

Commandant Minchane, from Bantry in Cork, said: "We have a lot of experience in serving the U.N. in the Congo, Cyprus and Lebanon. We don't accept for a minute the Israeli charges of guerrilla infiltration through our area."

Commenting on the Israeli thrust into southern Lebanon after the Monday guerrilla raid, the Irish officer said: "We think they are setting up a defensive screen against guerrilla infiltrators. But we don't believe they will find any infiltrators there."

The Israelis have said the incursion is a protective measure following the Palestinian guerrilla attack in which three Israelis as well as the five Palestinian raiders died earlier this week.

Commandant Minchane said that U.N. officers believed the Israelis would not attempt to penetrate farther north, challenging the U.N. force. "But we haven't been in contact with them and we don't want to be," he added.

Yesterday there were 120 Israeli soldiers and 12 armoured personnel carriers combing low-lying ground just one kilometre from a U.N. observation post manned by Irish and Nigerian troops.

"We're going home soon and we had hoped for a quiet ending," Commandant Minchane said. Replacements for the present officers are due in Tibbin on April 16, and the rotation of troops on six months assignment will be complete by May 7.

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## Huge oil stockpiles ensure consumer states against interruption of Gulf supply

LONDON, April 11 (R) — Huge oil stockpiles in consumer countries mean they should cope with any brief interruption of supply from the

Gulf area, where Iran is in dispute with neighbour Iraq and the United States, warn oil industry executives said today.

But they felt it would probably trigger new price rises, adding that the oil supply situation was fragile and that the world was not well placed to deal with any major, extended disruption.

Iran now produces between two and three million barrels of oil a day, according to oil industry estimates, with Iraqi output around 3.5 million. Non-Communist world demand is running at around 50 million barrels a day.

Fears about supply led industrialised countries to stockpile oil in large volume after Iran's revolution last year.

Venezuelan Oil Minister Humberto Calderon Bert, the current president of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), calculates that stocks are

as high as five billion barrels, enough to last 100 days without rationing.

Expecting some of this oil to flow onto the market, and taking account of slackened economic growth in the West, he believes that oil supply in the present quarter will exceed consumption by about three million barrels a day.

"We could lose quite a lot of oil and you need not be riding a bicycle right away," an executive of a leading oil company said. "But you could expect any interruption to mean a new round of OPEC price rises."

In such circumstances, the oil industry believes that consumers would, as they did after Iran's revolution, scramble to pay premium prices to get assured supplies of contract oil.

But Mr. Ulf Lantzke, head of the International Energy Agency (IEA), whose task would be to implement plans to ensure shares for all, said this week he detected no sign of con-

Analysis, trying to assess the market will be, we to see how Iran would fare attempt to get Japanese, British Petroleum and the Shell group, to p extra \$2.50 a barrel for its

They have challenged its price increase, industry a said.

The sources did not, however, expect Japan to risk the \$5 billion a day of Iranian oil it buys by joining U.S. sanctions against Iran.

Despite today's stockpile announcement officials and oil executives admit to being worried about long term supply problems hence the anxiety to have contracts.

"We are reasonably aware now. We are not sure about situation at the end of the BP Chairman Sir David Sir in London last week.

Saudi Arabia has warned West that it cannot be expected to continue forever using its production, now at 9.5 barrels a day, to guarantee

## OPEC to meet May 7 to study long-term strategy

VIENNA, April 11 (R) — The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries announced today that the 13 OPEC oil ministers will meet at Taif, Saudi Arabia, on May 7 to discuss the organisation's long-term strategy.

The special meeting had been expected following completion of a two-year OPEC study on long-term goals.

A six-nation OPEC strategy committee has been meeting since 1978 to discuss policy issues such as linking oil prices to inflation, problems caused by currency fluctuations and the connection between oil supplies and industrial growth.

The last meeting of the strategy committee, attended by the oil ministers of Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Kuwait, Venezuela and Iraq and the governor of Iran's central bank, was held in London in February.

Spokesman Hamid Zakeri said he was announcing plans for the Taif meeting on behalf of OPEC's deputy secretary-general, Mr. Fadhi Jafar Al Chalabi.

There would be no discussion at Taif on short-term issues such as OPEC's failure to fix a current single price for oil. OPEC countries are now charging prices ranging between \$26 and \$34 a barrel.

The strategy committee has proposed automatic price rises every three months, according to OPEC sources in Kuwait.

The Taif meeting will consider a

report prepared at the London strategy committee session. If this is accepted by the whole membership, it will be referred to OPEC's 20th anniversary summit conference, to be held in Baghdad in November.

Oil ministers will meet again in Algiers on June 9 for a regular price-fixing conference.

He will take office at midnight on April 17, when the British of Rhodesia becomes the independent, black-ruled state of

The nomination paper, signed by the required 10 members of parliament, was headed by Prime Minister Robert Mugabe.

The minister, who earned a Masters degree in theology, Wesleyan Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., in the 1970s, was closely associated with American-trained Bishop Muzorewa.

Mr. Muzorewa became the nation's first black minister last year in internally-arranged elections that did not include Mr. Mugabe, or his rival guerrilla leader, Mr. Joshua Nkomo.

"Muzorewa seemed to be moving closer to (former prime minister) Ian Smith. The liberation forces under ZANU were sacrificing lives to achieve true independence and my conscience would permit me to withhold my support and stab them in the back," Banana said of his decision to change his allegiance in 1976.

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## India high court quashes Sanjay prison sentence

NEW DELHI, April 11 (R) — India's supreme court today quashed a two-year prison sentence imposed on Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's younger son Sanjay in a criminal case.

Mr. Gandhi, 32, and former information minister V.C. Shukla, were found guilty last year by Delhi high court of destroying a satirical film on Mrs. Gandhi's 1975 emergency rule. They were freed on bail pending appeal.

The supreme court said the prosecution failed to prove the criminal conspiracy charges. Charges against Mr. Gandhi, a member of parliament, were dropped two months ago in the case of alleged conspiracy in the illegal demolition of houses and shops in 1975.

## N.Yemen applies authority in tribal areas to ensure success of social plans

SAN'A, North Yemen, April 11 (AP) — North Yemen is trying to extend central authority to its remote tribal areas to ensure success for social and economic development plans.

For the first time in 19 years, a governor has been appointed to form a provincial administration in the Al Jawf province in the north, adjoining the ill-defined Saudi borders. The Jawf valley is located in the desert region 100 kilometres north of San'a, the capital, but it takes a full day to drive there over tortuous, often unpaved mountain roads. The central government has had little influence there since the civil war and fall of the monarchy in 1962.

The population of Jawf, which includes a section of Dhu Hussein, Bani Dawf and the Hamdan tribes, were among the most persistent opponents of the republican regime that succeeded the monarchy. Many of their villages were completely destroyed by raiding war planes. The tribes generally acknowledge the San'a government now, but inter-tribal disputes and quarrels are as frequent as they have been for centuries.

In 1976, seven different tribal leaders claimed jurisdiction over the district of Al Hazm in Jawf. The feuding tribe made travel from one area to the other difficult for Swiss land surveyors and German hydrological engineers working for the Yemeni government. This state of affairs still continues. To bring such tribal groups into the sphere of influence of the central government has proved a real stumbling block to country-wide stability and development.

The new governor, Maj. Derham Nuaman, arrived in Jawf in mid-February protected by a military detachment of 300 troops. His first open air meeting with tribal leaders was held on the simple airstrip of Al Hazm, which is marked only by lines of whitewashed stones. A team of foreign engineers who happened to be visiting the area attended the meeting.

A tour in the area by a delegation of ministers from San'a resulted in the preparation of a five-year plan for the development of Jawf. The plan provided for extensive water projects, such as drilling 29 deep wells, diversion dams and irrigation canals. It also promised the construction of a highway from San'a local telephone services, a hospital and six health centres, schools and 500 houses for government employees.

A report issued in April 1978 by a Swiss photo interpretation team said an accurate demarcation of tribal boundaries and persuading the feuding tribal groups of recognising the central administration was of paramount importance to the success of development projects in the area. "Otherwise, the disputes and tribal quarrels concerning water rights, land ownership and pasture ground will keep on and frustrate all efforts toward development, the report said.

However, the appointment of a new governor in Jawf has not provided a sudden solution, and peace has not come to the desert overnight. Early in March, tribal warfare was reported among groups residing on both the Yemeni and Saudi sides of the border.

Just the definition of the border between North Yemen and Saudi Arabia is itself a major problem that has to be worked out. But, by appointing a governor for Jawf, the government has taken "the first necessary step," a source said.

## Press criticises Carrington for 'crawling' to Saudis

## Director realised extreme sensitivity of princess film

AMSTERDAM, April 11 (R) — The director of a British television film about the public executions of a Saudi Arabian princess and her lover said here today he had realised from the outset that his project was extremely sensitive.

Mr. Antony Thomas, whose film "The Death of a Princess" was screened on British television Wednesday night and provoked a strong protest from the Saudi government, said the row had been inflamed by sensational British press coverage.

He was speaking at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport after arriving with the film's star, Egyptian actress Miss Suzanne Abu Taleb, for a press preview of the programme, which will be shown on Dutch television next Wednesday.

"It was very clear from the start that the subject was very sensitive. When I was doing my research in Saudi Arabia I had to be very cautious and keep the purpose of my investigations as secret as possible," he told reporters.

Mr. Thomas said he had been warned by friends and acquaintances in Saudi Arabia not to make the film because of its implicit criticism of sexual life at the Saudi court.

Mr. Thomas said he was surprised at the anger expressed by Saudi Arabian officials over the showing in Britain of the film.

He said he had expected Saudi Arabia to keep silent about the film. He did not think it would lead to a cut in oil supplies or a trade embargo of Britain by the Saudi authorities. He said the widespread publicity in Britain had probably caused the Saudi Arabian anger.

The film was denounced today by Saudi Arabia as a sensationalising fiction and an attack on the religion of Islam.

A statement issued by Mr. Nagi Sudqi, charge d'affaires at the Saudi embassy in London, said the film would not help promote

Saudi-British relations.

"It was a sensation-seeking piece of television fiction which was particularly mischievous because it masqueraded as academic and objective treatment of alleged facts in which there was no substance of truth," it said.

The film, shown on Britain's independent television network, attempted to reconstruct the case of Princess Misha, executed by firing squad for adultery in November 1977, and her lover, who was beheaded.

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